

29 East Hanover Street
(Commercial Building)
Trenton
Mercer County
New Jersey

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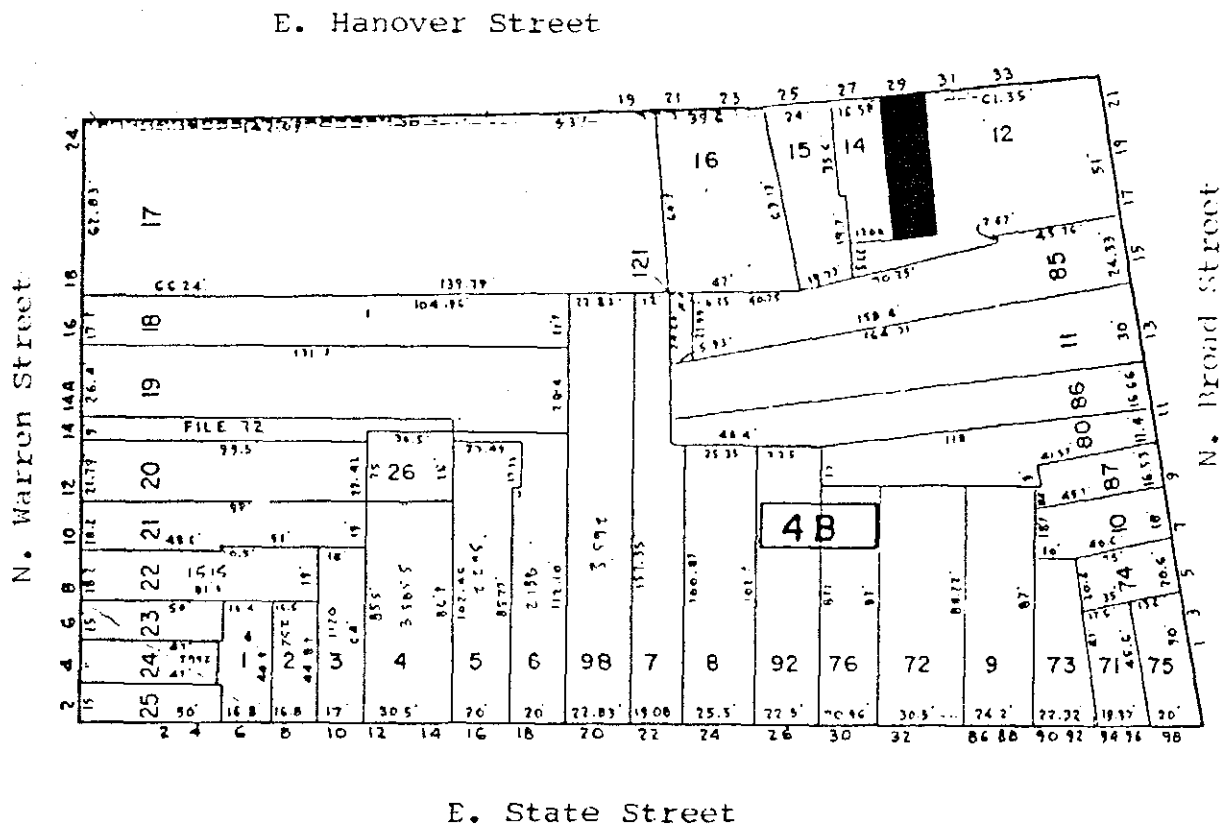
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE New Jersey	COUNTY Mercer	TOWN OR VICINITY Trenton
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 29 East Hanover Street (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. NJ-973
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Bismark Cafe (Trenton City Directories 1935-1965)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 29 East Hanover Street (Commercial Building)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1881; renovated ca. 1925 (Mercer County Deed Books 130, p. 464 & 700, p. 120).		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Not known
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A commercial building with detailing and materials reminiscent of Craftsman designs promoted by Gustav Stickley. (See Stickley's <u>More Craftsman Houses</u> of 1912, p. 85, 90-92 for similar designs). This building housed the Bismark Cafe for over thirty years.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Craftsman-influenced		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry load-bearing walls with wooden beams and interior partitions.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular, 17' x 54'. Flat-roofed 3-story building.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Dark yellow brick facade with wide, deeply incised joints with dark gray mortar. Common bond brickwork is highlighted by a soldier course emphasizing the quadrapartite bay. 6/1 wooden sash are topped by operable metal transoms. Cornice has pyramidal finials.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior was inaccessible at the time of recording. Glimpses were achieved through holes in the walls of the adjoining building at 27 E. Hanover, and indicated that sheetrock and linoleum tile have replaced any original features of interest.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES This was built as one of a trio of commercial buildings about 1881, but it was subdivided from its neighbors (25-27 East Hanover St.) late in that same year. It was extensively remodelled about 1925 to house a cafe, a use it retained into the 1970s.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Fair condition. Vacant since 1977. Demolished in September 1987, along with the rest of the block, to make way for new commercial construction.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Trenton City Directories Mercer County Deedbooks		
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Site Plan



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Floor Plan

